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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE HAWAII'S FOOD READINESS AND FOOD SECURITY IN RESPONSE TO NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS.

1           WHEREAS, the State is over-reliant on outside sources for  
2 food, importing eighty-five per cent of our food; and

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4           WHEREAS, food self-sufficiency is one of the foundations of  
5 a sustainable community; and

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7           WHEREAS, a disaster thousands of miles away can adversely  
8 affect us here days later; and

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10          WHEREAS, it is essential for the State to be efficiently  
11 organized and adequately funded to facilitate the production and  
12 distribution of food during an emergency; and

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14          WHEREAS, an appropriate response requires pre-planning and  
15 coordination across various federal, state, and county agencies,  
16 as well as farmers and community groups; now, therefore,

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18          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
20 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
21 Agriculture is requested to establish a working group to  
22 evaluate the State of Hawaii's food readiness and food security  
23 in response to natural or man-made disasters; and

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25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that  
26 the working group consist of twenty-six members, including:

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28           (1) One member from the Civil Defense Division, of the  
29 Department of Defense;  
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- 1 (2) One representative from each county civil defense
- 2 agency;
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- 4 (3) One representative from each county farm bureau;
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- 6 (4) One representative from each county farm cooperative;
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- 8 (5) One representative from each county board or
- 9 department of water supply;
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- 11 (6) One member from the state Commission on Water Resource
- 12 Management;
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- 14 (7) One representative from each county department of
- 15 public works;
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- 17 (8) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
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- 19 (9) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
- 20 designee;
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- 22 (10) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
- 23 Chairperson's designee; and
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- 25 (11) One representative from the United States Department
- 26 of Agriculture; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture  
 29 is requested to provide needed administrative, professional,  
 30 technical, and clerical support to the tax force; and

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
 33 to submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
 34 legislation, to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior  
 35 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 39 Adjutant General, the Director of Health, the Director of  
 40 Transportation, the Administrator of the Commission on Water  
 41 Resource Management, and the Mayor of each county in the State,



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1 and the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture who in turn is  
2 requested to transmit copies to all other agencies and entities  
3 listed in this Concurrent Resolution.

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